

FLAPPER THRONG BESIEGES HOSPITAL WHERE VALENTINO LIES UNCONSCIOUS

Thousands of Girls In Rainstorm Wait For News of 'Sheik'

While Rudolph Valentino, his every breath and heart-beat recorded by five famous physicians on vigil at his bedside, fights for his life at Polyclinic Hospital today, a strange scene is being enacted outside that institution's portals.

Headless of a drizzling rain, several hundred women, flappers and grandmothers alike, pace the cobbled court yard and wait for word that their idol of the silver screen will survive.

Hospital Deluged

Feminine admirers of the "sheik" have deluged the hospital with floral offerings. Huge baskets of flowers block the corridor outside the sick room door.

Slipping past a guard, one flapper tried to "crash" the sick room for a glance at Rudy. Tearful and pleading for "just a little peek," she was detected outside his door and ushered from the place.

Valentino, operated upon for appendicitis and gastric ulcers, remains unconscious. It will be several days before the crisis is past.

Condition Is Grave

Dr. A. A. Jaller, executive physician of the hospital, announced Valentino's condition was so grave that he could receive no visitors—not even his closest associates—for four days. F. George Ullman, Valentino's personal manager, was refused admittance to the sick room.

Others of the surgeons who attended Valentino said only his excellent physical condition gave him a chance to live. Had the operation been delayed 20 minutes, one surgeon said, he believed Valentino would have died from convulsions.

Specialists Called In

Dr. G. Randolph Manning, specialist in diseases of the stomach, and an associate were called in.

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Prays for "Rudy"



NATACHA RAMBOVA

Her Prayer Answered



THIS TOT FOUND WANDERING about at 29th Street and 9th Avenue, prayed long and well as she was held at the Children's Society for identification. She wanted mother—she wanted daddy. She asked God to send them to her. Now Julia is back home. Her name is Julia Jackson. She is 4 and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jackson. They live at 418 West 22d St. Julia is shown with her constant companion. (Graphic.)

Acrobatic Thief Fools Cop; Two Thugs Shot by Police

An acrobatic burglar who escaped from the prison ward of Harlem Hospital, although wounded in the leg, is being sought by the police, a second outlaw is dying with a police rookie's bullet in his chest, and a third, beaten to the draw by a patrolman, is in Gouverneur Hospital, with wounds in his chin and nose.

Snubbing of Kin Angers Wales

LONDON, Aug. 16 (By U. P.).—

The Prince of Wales is understood to be offended by the reported blackballing by the Royal Yacht Squadron, most exclusive of all British clubs, of a young nobleman.

Gossip concerning the victim has turned toward Lord Louis Mountbatten, a Prince of Wales distant relative of King George and a close friend of the heir of the throne.

The Weekly Dispatch says that the prince "contemplates favoring another club" with his membership.

Clearing House

(Official figures)

Exchanges . . . \$470,000,000
Balances . . . 103,000,000
Credit balance. . . 99,000,000

18 Hurt as Panic Seizes Crowd When Erie Trains Crash Head on in Station

Two Erie Railroad trains collided head on in the Erie Railroad terminal in Jersey City today. Six persons were injured so seriously they were taken to hospitals. Twelve others were slightly hurt and taken home after receiving emergency treatment.

Tug Boats Aided Ederle in Channel, British Press Says

LONDON, Aug. 16 (By U. P.).—The Westminster Gazette quotes

several other English newspapers as declaring that Miss Gertrude Ederle's Channel swim was materially aided by skillful piloting of boats accompanying the girl swimmer.



The new Gertrude Ederle papers declare maneuvering of the escort craft protected the swimmer against the full effect of the tides and waves, and that she was drawn along in the suction of the boats.

The newspaper "News of the World" has offered a prize of 1,000 pounds to any Englishman or Englishwoman who will beat Miss Ederle's record.

Miss Lillian Cannon of Baltimore and Miss Clarabelle Barrett, New Rochelle swimmer, again were forced to postpone attempts to equal Miss Ederle's record because of bad weather over the week-end.

THOMPSON FETED

ABOARD CUTTER MINDORT, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Aug. 16 (By U. P.).—Col. Carmi Thompson's inspection of the central and southern islands has become a triumphal tour. Great crowds are turning out and banquets have been arranged along the entire route.

Paul Geaner, conductor, removed to St. Francis' Hospital, later was taken home, where a family physician reported him in a critical condition.

Coaches' Aisles Filled

Fifty passengers, preparing to dismount, crowded the aisles and vestibules of a commuter's local from Spring Valley when the other train, bound for Waldwick, N. J., slid through the terminal's shed.

Windows crashed, the sound of splintering wood mingled with shrieks of frightened women as the passengers were thrown violently from their feet. Station police and trainmen quelled the panic.

Hurt in Train Panic

Fourteen persons were injured when a brake lining caught fire on a Hudson-Manhattan tube train as it left Exchange Place, Jersey City, last night.

Doors and windows were smashed as crowds fought to leave the train. Many suffered flesh burns and bruises. Ms. Helen Mitchell and her daughter, Eva, of Newark, were taken to City Hospital.

A police investigation was started today into circumstances of a trolley car accident at Coney Island and Brighton Beach Avenues, Coney Island, last night, in which twenty-four persons were slightly injured. According to James Heenan, motorman, a steel bolt, lying across the track, derailed his car.

AIR DREADNOUGHT

FELIXSTOWE, ENGLAND, Aug. 16 (By U. P.).—The British navy is developing an "aerial dreadnought" which will be used in maneuvers with the fleet. Work on the new war machine is being conducted secretly.

'Lord Kitchener's Coffin' Found to Contain Tar

LONDON, Aug. 16 (By U. P.).—The Home Office today said the so-called "Kitchener coffin," brought to England from Norway by Frank Power, an unofficial investigator, was apparently new and obviously had never contained human remains.

The casket alleged to contain the

body of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, who was lost at sea during the war, was secretly opened today by a coroner's jury which permitted the contents to be examined by Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist.



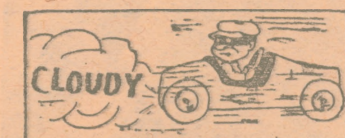
The Evening News said today that nothing but tar was found in the casket.

Frank Power, an unofficial investigator, brought the casket from Norway and wrote to Premier Baldwin, asserting that he had reason to believe it contained the body.

Lord Kitchener died when H. M. S. Hampshire sank in the North Sea.

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Cloudy, with occasional showers tonight and Tuesday.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Probably showers tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday in central and northern portion; south to southwest winds.

Hour	Temp.	Weather	Barom.	Wind
Midnight	71	Cloudy	30.08	SW. 8
2 a. m.	71	Cloudy	30.06	SW. 8
4 a. m.	70	Cloudy	30.06	SE. 10
6 a. m.	69	Cloudy	30.03	SE. 10
8 a. m.	71	Raining	30.03	SE. 15
10 a. m.	72	Cloudy	30.09	SE. 20